

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1068

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Hillas Swindle of Macon County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Hillas Swindle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swindle was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Macon County on March 29, 1931, Hillas Swindle was the son of Ruby Swindle and Mabel East Swindle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swindle distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community as Macon County Circuit Court Clerk from 1962 to 1974 and County Executive from 1982 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader was directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swindle obtained his Real Estate Broker license on February 26, 1974, and continued to sell real estate until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swindle was joined in holy matrimony with Elizabeth Watson on September 2, 1949, and their blessed union produced three children; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout religious faith, Hillas Swindle was saved in February 1945 and was a faithful member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a deacon on August 31, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Hillas Swindle was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Hillas Swindle enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of seventy years, Elizabeth Watson Swindle; he was the proud father of David (Morrisa) Swindle, Teresa (Richard) Wilson, and Brenda (Ronnie) Holland and the beloved brother of Charles (Gladys) Swindle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swindle was the devoted grandfather of Leslie Church, Patrick Swindle, Jeremy Wilson, Kimberly Hale, Brent Jones, Tracy Smith, John Holland, Isaac Swindle, and Michael Holland, and the treasured great-grandfather of Emily Church, Madison Church, John Carter Wilson, Jay Christian Wilson, Gracie Beth Wilson, Alexandria Swindle, Cassandra Swindle, Elijah Hale, Noah Hale, Olivia Hale, Cyrus James Swindle, Rosalie Swindle, Trinity Dillard, Macie Dillard, Katelyn Holland, and Jason Holland; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Hillas Swindle was preceded in death by his sister, Rulene Swindle Blankenship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swindle leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Hillas Swindle, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Swindle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.